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In re application of: Boyd et al.

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 DEVICES AND METHODS FOR THE)
 RESTORATION OF A SPINAL DISC) July 15, 2004

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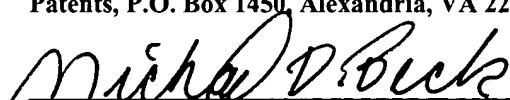
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$106.00 from Deposit Account No. 13-0014 for the small entity claim fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16(b), (c) for one (1) additional independent claim (\$43.00) and seven (7) additional claims (\$63.00). The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due (excluding the issue fee) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.

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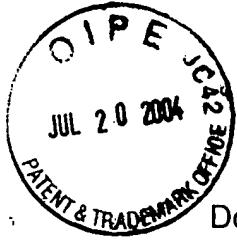
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	68	93	7 X 9	\$63.00
Independent Claims	11	10	1 X 43	\$ 43.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$ 106.00

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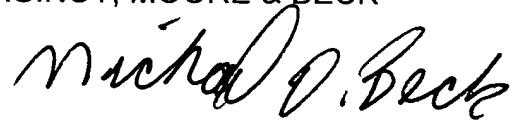
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Respectfully submitted,

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